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HYLAN BODY AGAINST NEW TENANT LEAGUE

Chairman of Mayor's Committee Sees No Need for Hirsch Organization

ATTACKS FEE DEMAND

Present System Is Satisfactory, He Says, Praising Work.

1,000 NAMES ENROLLED

Dozen Associations in Bronx Will Join at Once, Says Rentpayers' Leader.

Aside from the enrollment of more than 1,000 members, which was considered highly encouraging, the first result yesterday of Nathan Hirsch's announcement of plans to organize a citizens' protective housing league of 300,000 members at a fee of \$1 each was to draw the antagonism of the Hyman administration.

Otto B. Shuloff, chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, of which Mr. Hirsch formerly was chairman and under whom 20,000 cases were settled out of court, issued the following statement:

"There is no reason why any rentpayer in the city should join a tenants' organization and pay a dollar. The collection of money from tenants heretofore, no matter under what pretence, has always led to abuses and should be avoided.

"When Mr. Hirsch was chairman of the committee he opposed the organization of tenants' leagues and the collection of money by these leagues for such purposes. There is no more excuse for organizing a league of tenants at \$1 each under the leadership of Nathan Hirsch and Samuel Untermyer (advisory counsel than there ever was. The Mayor's committee on rent profiteering, since its organization, has taken care of the tenants and their interests, free of charge. This committee is functioning just as efficiently under my chairmanship as it did during the time when Mr. Hirsch was its chairman, and later when Mr. Hilby, who succeeded Mr. Hirsch, was chairman."

In answer Mr. Hirsch said:

"When I was chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering that body gladly cooperated with all tenants' organizations which wanted fair play. This was not done to whether the members paid dues or not. We opposed and discouraged organizations which operated against the law, such as several I was forced to report to the District Attorney for his action."

"The response of citizens to-day to this movement is sufficient answer to Mr. Shuloff's assertion that this league is not needed. As to the payment of dues by them, I think the identities of the men back of this movement are sufficient guarantee that these will be properly conserved and administered. I am glad that Mr. Shuloff thinks he is such an efficient chairman."

One of Mr. Hirsch's callers was J. M. Moore, head of the Tremont Tenants' Association, which has a membership of 1,000.

"This movement will be welcomed in the Bronx," said Mr. Moore. "A dozen tenants' associations up there will join. This large league is just what the people have been crying for, as it is bound to give results."

"I have not no satisfaction whatever from the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering. Our experiences with that body have been exceedingly dubious. All it can do is to mediate between tenant and landlord, and these mediations have accomplished little. For some time we have been advising our members against having anything to do with that body."

ESTIMATE COMMITTEE FAVORS NAVY OFFER

Would Have Buildings on Shore Road Taken Over.

The committee on finance and budget of the Board of Estimate recommended yesterday the acceptance of a proposal from the Navy Department to turn over to the Brooklyn Department of Parks all structures built by the Federal Government—about 150—on the Shore road, between Bay Ridge avenue and Fort Hamilton, in lieu of "separation of park property which was given to the Navy Department for use during the war."

F. L. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, urged that the committee recommend the use of the buildings for dwellings during the summer to relieve the housing shortage, but Edward Reischmann, Brooklyn President and John N. Harman, Brooklyn Park Commissioner, objected to the use of the buildings for housing families on the ground that the structures, as now arranged, would be most unsuitable. He declared that by the time necessary remodeling could be done at the expense of several hundred thousand dollars the summer would be over.

Mayor Hyman was for turning the buildings into boys' clubs, but the objection was raised that bathing was prohibited at that point. A committee was named to decide what should be done with the buildings.

MEN OF 65 AND 69 HAVE SHARP FIGHT WITH FISTS

Both Are Taken to Night Court and Fined.

It was a warm night. John Spiro, 65 years old, retired merchant, and owner of several tenement houses, and Jacob Berman, 69 years old, a podler, sitting on the bench last night in Central Park, near Lenox avenue and 110th street, agreed on that.

From unanimity on the weather the two old men wandered into disagreement on the subject of landlord and tenant, of robbery and rent, of tenant strikes and housing shortages. The discussion grew warmer than the night. Words became too feeble to express emotion. The two men forgot everything but each other.

When Patrolman Torney arrived it took all his strength to force the feinting, jabbing, punching contestants apart. In the night court, whether they were taken, charged with disorderly conduct, Magistrate Simon meditated on prison sentences. Then he fined them \$5 each.

SOUTH AFRICAN BUSHMEN MAKE LIQUOR WITH 'KICK'

Pick Fruit From Cashew Tree, Ferment It in Sun, Distill the Juice and Then Start Out for High Old Party.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald.—CHICAGO, June 13.—Home brew makes bushmen of the South African jungle walk backward and perform other ludicrous antics, according to the Rev. William G. Terrell, Methodist missionary, who arrived at his home in Chicago today from Johannesburg.

"The abundant juice of the fruit of the cashew tree is easily obtained," he said. "It ferments in the sun in a few hours and the longer it remains exposed the stronger it becomes. By distilling the juice the natives obtain a liquor of very high alcoholic content, and the wildest drunken orgies are held continuously once a week."

PIGEON FLUTTERS TO POLICE STATION

Evades Hawk by Sailing Into an Open Window After It Is Wounded.

The police of the West 177th street station let it be known last night that they had first hand proof that pigeons have the power to reason.

Late yesterday afternoon a blue gray carrier bird wearing a leg band on which was stamped "N-45-520" was attacked by a hawk high above the Hudson. The hawk fastened its claws in the pigeon, but the smaller bird struggled, loosened its attacker's hold and got away.

Persons who saw the hawk make its first swoop then noticed the pigeon drop toward the roof of the station house, which is at Haven avenue and 177th street. A few hundred yards from the roof its wings were spread, and with a weak flutter it sailed in an open window and fell exhausted on the floor of the detectives' office. The hawk gave up the chase and disappeared.

Lieut. Van Keuren took charge of the pigeon and examined it. Its neck was badly torn, so badly, in fact, that Arthur S. Vincent, formerly an officer of the army signal corps and a pigeon expert, said that it would die. He was killing the bird and said he would locate the owner.

"That pigeon knew just where to come for help," one of the detectives said later. "Any bird that knows enough to fly to a cop for protection sure has reasoning power."

\$9,000 MOTOR LAMP BILL IS BLAMED ON MAC STAY

Some Buck Passing Is Done by Leo and Whalen.

Responsibility for the necessity of a \$9,000 appropriation to buy lamps for new automobiles bought by the Department of Street Cleaning was passed yesterday from Commissioner John P. Leo to Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the Board of Purchase, and at last reports had landed with Arnold B. MacStay, formerly Street Cleaning Commissioner, apparently considered by the Hyman administration as a good safe place, since Mr. MacStay no longer is connected with the department.

The application for the money was made to the finance and budget committee of the Board of Estimate by Commissioner Leo, who explained that many of the motor trucks recently delivered to the department were without front or rear lights, while others were equipped with old lamps. F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, wanted to know who approved the specifications, and was informed that the Board of Purchase did so. The committee adopted resolutions protesting against such approval.

Mr. Whalen later said that the specifications had been sent to him by former Commissioner MacStay and that he had no alternative than to approve them, besides which he had understood that old lamps were considered a good type for trucks.

MOONLIGHT FISHERMAN CATCHES BLUE SHARK

Netting Mackerel Now Popular on Jersey Coast.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald.—SEABRIGHT, N. J., June 13.—While fishing for mackerel by moonlight last night Conrad Anderson, a pioneer fisherman, caught a blue shark in his net. He placed his net off shore early in the night and after waiting several hours began hauling it in. At first eight of the big fish he thought it was a porpoise, but soon saw it was a shark. It required more than an hour to harpoon and kill the shark.

Salmon fishing at night has become popular among the summer sojourners as well as the local fishermen, and now that it is moonlight several parties go out in boats each night to try their luck. Much damage has been reported to the net recently due to sharks trailing in the wake of the mackerel.

The bathing here has been ideal for the last few days, the temperature in the ocean registering around 65 degrees. Recent arrivals are James M. Beck, W. W. Miller, Richard M. Hurd, Charles A. Boston, Edward D. Adams, J. Horace Harding, Warren Barbour and Mr. Hugh Harbathorne.

ONE DEAD, TWO INJURED WHEN TANK EXPLODES

Man Said to Have Thrown Cigarette in Gasoline.

One man was injured so seriously that he died and two others were burned last night when the gasoline tank of an automobile on which they were at work in the garage at 300 Avenue B exploded and scattered them with flaming liquid. Joseph De Pietro, 20, of 520 East Sixteenth street, was burned on nearly every part of his body. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

According to the report made to the police, the explosion was due to the throwing of a lighted cigarette into the tank. The identity of the smoker was not learned.

The men hurt were De Pietro's brother, John De Pietro, 19, of the East Sixteenth street address, and Frank Pisal of Avenue A and Fifteenth street. Both were able to go home after being attended by an ambulance surgeon.

BANK SNEAK GETS \$2,000.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 13.—Theft of \$2,000 from one of the cages in the Chelsea National Bank was reported today to the police. Officials of the bank said a sneak thief apparently had taken a package containing the money when the teller's back was turned and when there were no patrons in the institution.

ARMY, NAVY DEPTS. MERGED IN NEW BILL

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sented in the bill. Due to the fact that the committee already has given much study to the subject, and had at different times been in conference with Cabinet members, the scheme already is fairly well defined, taking the form of the suggestions which now form the basis for the work.

Army and Navy Merger.

The proposed consolidation of the War Department and the Navy Department into the Department of National Defense is said to be looked upon with extreme favor by President Harding, not only because of the advantages that may result from more economic administration, but as a step that might be of assistance in the hoped for programme of curtailing armament in agreement with the leading Powers.

It is understood further that when the present Cabinet officers were selected Mr. Harding discussed with them the possibility of such a consolidation and that both Mr. Denby and Mr. Weeks have been looking into the possibilities with a view of ultimately making recommendations on the subject.

So far as the Department of Public Welfare is concerned, Mr. Harding always has favored its creation, with the transfer to it of such agencies as the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the United States Public Health Service, the Bureau of Pensions and Kindred Government Activities, Big-Gen. Sawyer, the White House physician, has been making a study of this subject in hope that he will be able to make a report to the reorganization committee before the final scheme is adopted.

One of the interesting features of the tentative project is the proposal for an executive committee of the President, a position quite independent of the secretary to the President, the post now held by George Christian. The President's present staff, which includes also an executive clerk and a chief clerk, is organized to attend only to the President's personal business, such as political appointments, correspondence, engagements and the like. There is nobody who officially can act for the President in numerous routine affairs such as come to him through the different independent agencies that are outside the departments. While it is not the intention to detract from the Presidential authority, the purpose is to relieve the President of such routine as he can be relieved of properly so he may devote his time to bigger questions, such as the formulation of broad governmental policies.

To Sit With Cabinet.

The idea is to put into the position some man of Cabinet calibre, generally recognized as such, with the authority to participate in Cabinet sessions. This officer, in addition to attending to the various independent bureaus and commissions, also would be charged with coordinating the work of the different departments to get the best from them, at the same time supervising their purchases under a general supply committee.

The reorganization committee hopes to obtain such information as it requires from the Cabinet within the next two or three weeks, so that the drafting of a bill can be begun without delay. The legislation is expected to be taken up again at the Cabinet meeting to-morrow.

Chairman Brown of the committee will hold a conference with each Cabinet member, explaining just what the committee desires in the way of information. This was arranged this afternoon when he had a talk with President Harding following the executive session of the committee in the office of Senator Smart.

M. E. CHURCH IS BURNED.

RISERS SUN, Md., June 13.—Fire today destroyed the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place and also burned a garage and a men's furnishing store.

SENATE CONFIRMS S. C. BONE.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The nomination of Scott C. Bone, former publisher of Washington and Seattle newspapers, to be Governor of Alaska was confirmed today by the Senate.

PUEBLO GETS \$100,000 FOR SANITATION WORK

Red Cross Chapters and Johnstown Send Money.

PUEBLO, Colo., June 13.—Allotment of \$100,000 for as much time as necessary by Secretary of War Weeks to be used for sanitation purposes in Pueblo was announced in a telegram received today from Senators Lawrence C. Philip and Samuel D. Nicholson and Representative Guy U. Hardy at Washington.

The telegram advised that the money be used for placing the city of Pueblo in a sanitary condition and for the immediate protection of the municipal water plant.

Contributions totalling \$35,744.95 were announced by the local aviator of the Red Cross to-day. One of the first checks received was for \$2,000 from Johnstown, Pa., which was destroyed by flood thirty years ago.

Tulsa, Okla., itself recovering from the effects of the race riots of a few weeks ago and menaced by the waters of the Arkansas—the same river that wrecked a considerable portion of Pueblo—through its Red Cross chapter to-day forwarded \$200 for Pueblo's flood relief.

GOV. MILLER ACCUSES SHERIFF JOHN SELLEY

Fourteen Charges Are Lodged Against Official.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald.—New York Herald Bureau.—Albany, June 13.—Things look bleak for Governor Miller's County Jail inmates and deputy sheriffs, all because Gov. Miller to-night set into motion the machinery at his disposal to determine if Sheriff John Selley should not be removed from office.

Fourteen definite charges have been lodged by the Governor against Selley, who will have an opportunity to present his side of the case at a hearing before the Governor Saturday.

According to the complaints liquor was within reach of prisoners who desired to get it, and gambling went on without let and hindrance and that, on one occasion, a woman was permitted to visit a prisoner.

In addition to these charges, it is alleged that the Sheriff had persons on the payroll who did no work and that he on several occasions turned the prison into a hotel, where he lodged and entertained deputy sheriffs on a generous scale and at the county's expense.

O'RYAN PLEADS FOR SLAYER.

Rev. Dr. Shipman Also Intercedes for E. J. Malley.

BUTCHERSBURG, June 13.—Major-Gen. John F. O'Ryan and the Rev. Herbert C. Shipman, Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New York, to-day in Supreme Court asked leniency for Edward J. Malley, New York Central detective, who had pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the second degree for the shooting of Andrew Miskur. Malley was sentenced by Justice A. H. F. Seeger to one year in the Westchester County Penitentiary. Malley served with the Twenty-seventh Division in France.

TWO FAINT AT TRIAL IN \$1,000,000 P. O. HOLDUP

Defendant Cursed as He Identifies Associate.

TOLEDO, June 13.—James Fegan, one of thirty-two defendants indicted in the million dollar post office robbery, took the stand this afternoon and told a jury of his connection in handling the loot.

As he sat in the witness chair there was a stir in the back of the courtroom and Joe Zelick, one of those on trial, fell over in a faint. At the same time Mrs. Harriet Sommers, mother of Pearl Sommers, another defendant, fell in a faint at the foot of the court house steps.

Fegan left the witness chair and walked over to the eighteen defendants

LEGION COMMANDER TO BE NAMED TO-DAY

Sharp Contest for Successor to F. W. Galbraith, Jr.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 13.—The national executive committee of the American Legion will convene in special session here to-morrow morning to choose a successor to the late F. W. Galbraith, Jr., as national commander. Indications that a sharp contest may develop over the selection of a new legion chief were marked to-night with the mention of new possibilities of candidates.

Among the national vice-commanders from Illinois, who was injured in the accident that was fatal to Col. Galbraith, is chief among those seriously considered for the office outside of the national vice-commanders. Mr. Foreman is a prominent Chicago attorney and commanding general of the Illinois National Guard.

Among the national vice-commanders John G. Emery of Grand Rapids, Mich., is probably the one most frequently mentioned. The other vice-commanders are James G. Scruggs, Henry New, and Thomas Goldingay, Winfield, Birmingham, Ala.

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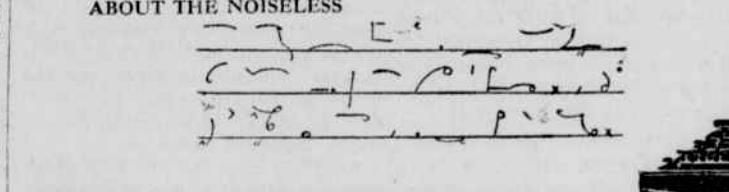
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